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Proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/232 of 23 December 2000,

Recalling also the international and non-commercial character of the Organization,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] on the proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General[1] and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Also notes* the proposal to separate the management of the commercial activities from the other activities of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to submit detailed information on this proposal and its administrative and financial implications;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate on this proposal by means of a blueprint concerning the specific commercial goals and the steps that should be taken to achieve them, in particular the use of outsourcing, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and

[1] A/55/546.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), paras. IS3.5-13.

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55/247 of 12 April 2001, and the optimum use of space within the United Nations buildings;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals to streamline and simplify the administration and management structure underpinning those activities;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.

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Information technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on information technology in the Secretariat: a plan of action,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to resubmit the plan of action, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 above and:

(a) Developing a specific plan to improve efficiency through the application of information technology in the Secretariat and the action required to implement it;

(b) Defining clearly the responsibilities of the different bodies in the application and integration of information technology within the United Nations;

(c) Addressing the objective of improving decision-making with respect to information technology in the Secretariat by improving coordination and reducing duplication;

(d) Developing a cost-benefit analysis for use in identifying information technology priorities;

(e) Developing an implementation plan for those priorities;

[1] A/55/780.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7) paras. 80-94.

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3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.